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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND

Public Health Inspector

FOR THE YEAR

1962

WHITEFIELD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1962.

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban
District of Whitefield.

August, 1963.

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1962 on the health and sanitary conditions of the district.

There has been no serious epidemic illness during the year. The adjusted birth rate was 18.7 per thousand live births, and the national rate was 18.0. The corresponding figures for the death rate were 14.7 for Whitefield, and 11.9 for England and Wales.

The infant mortality rate was 18.1 per thousand live births, which was better than the national rate of 21.4. For the seventh year running, there have been no maternal deaths.

There were four new cases of respiratory tuberculosis, but no deaths.

The number of houses completed during the year was 166, of which 141 were built by private enterprise.

The number of applicants on the Council's housing list at the 31st December, 1962, was 241. There were 20 applications approved for Standard Grants, and work was completed in respect of 11 applications. Improvement Grants are not dealt with by the Council.

No clearance areas were dealt with during the year. One house was demolished as individually unfit and three houses were closed under the provisions of the Housing Act, 1957.

This is the twenty fourth and last year of my reports as Medical Officer of Health of the district. I would like to thank the Members of the Council and senior officials for their valued help and advice which has enabled a high standard of environmental health services to be maintained. At the same time new measures such as the Clean Air Act, Food Hygiene Regulations and Housing programmes have been implemented to the full.

Whitefield at the present time has virtually no problem in regard to unfit housing and the district should be completely smoke controlled in the next five years.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours Obedient Servant,

C.H.T. WADE,

Medical Officer of Health.

TABLE I - STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Area - 3,386 acres.

Population - Registrar General's estimate of resident population mid 1962	14,800
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at the end of 1962	5,175
Rateable Value, 1962	£166,512
Sum represented by a penny rate, 1962-63	£660

TABLE II - VITAL STATISTICS.

	Total	Male	Female	
Live Births) Legitimate	262	131	131	Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population . . 18.7
) Illegitimate	15	9	6	
	<u>277</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>137</u>	
Still Births) Legitimate	5	2	3	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births 21.2
) Illegitimate	1	1	-	
	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	
Deaths (all ages)	178	90	88	Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated average population . . 11.9
Adjusted birth-rate - 18.7 (comparability factor) 1.00				
Adjusted death-rate - 14.7 (comparability factor) 1.22				
Deaths from Puerperal causes :				
Puerperal Sepsis Nil.				
Other Maternal causes Nil.				
Deaths of Infants under one year of age :				
Total : 5 (3 males, 2 females).				
Legitimate : 5 (3 males, 2 females).				
Illegitimate : - (Nil).				
Deaths of Infants under four weeks of age :				
Total : 3 (2 males, 1 female).				
Legitimate : 3 (2 males, 1 female).				
Illegitimate : - (Nil).				
Deaths of Infants under one week of age :				
Total : 3 (2 males, 1 female).				
Legitimate : 3 (2 males, 1 female).				
All infants per 1,000 live births 18.1				

WHITEFIELD URBAN DISTRICT	Live Births		Deaths - All Causes.		Still-births		Maternal Mortality		Infant Mortality Total Neo-Natal.			
	No. regd.	Rate per 1,000 pop'n.	No. regd.	Rate per 1,000 pop'n.	No. regd.	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths regd.	Rate per 1,000 live births	No. of deaths regd.	Rate per 1,000 live births	No. of deaths regd.	Rate per 1,000 live births
Year 1962	277	18.7	178	14.7	6	21.2	Nil	Nil	11	18.1	3	10.8
" 1961	246	17.0	151	10.4	6	23.8	Nil	Nil	4	16.3	2	12.2
" 1960	227	16.7	151	11.1	8	17.6	Nil	Nil	4	17.3	1	4.4
" 1959	202	15.2	167	12.5	3	14.6	Nil	Nil	7	34.7	6	29.7
" 1958	200	15.2	174	13.2	5	24.4	Nil	Nil	2	10.0	2	10.0
" 1957	176	13.7	164	12.6	6	32.0	Nil	Nil	2	11.0	2	11.0
Average 5 years :	-	15.56	-	11.96	-	22.48	-	-	-	17.86	-	13.46

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1962.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-
Tuberculosis, other	-	-
Syphilitic disease	-	1
Diphtheria	-	-
Whooping cough	-	-
Meningococcal infections	-	-
Acute poliomyelitis.	-	-
Measles.	-	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	5	2
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	6	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	6
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	6	11
Leukaemia, aleukaemia.	1	-
Diabetes	1	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	11	13
Coronary disease, Angina	20	13
Hypertension with heart disease.	1	2
Other heart diseases	13	8
Other circulatory diseases	3	4
Influenza.	1	1
Pneumonia.	6	4
Bronchitis	5	6
Other diseases of the respiratory system	1	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	1
Nephrities and nephrosis	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-
Congenital malformations	-	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	9
Motor vehicle accidents	1	2
All other accidents	-	1
Suicide	1	2
Homicide and operations of war	1	-

All causes

90

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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

The water supply is obtained from the Irwell Valley Water Board.

Source of supply - upland surfaces.

Supplies to houses :-

From Public Mains -

Number of dwellinghouses 5,385

Estimated number of population 14,800

From Private Supplies (wells, springs, etc.) -

Number of dwellinghouses 4

Estimated number of population 14

Examinations made by the Irwell Valley Water Board of the raw water :-

(a) Bacteriological examinations none

Chemical analysis none

Water going into supply where treatment is installed :-

(b) Bacteriological examinations 52

Results - Satisfactory 41

unsatisfactory 11

Chemical analysis 4

Results - satisfactory.

Action taken by the Irwell Valley Water Board in respect of any form of contamination - all water is chlorinated.

Plumbic-solvent action : the water is lime treated.

28 analysis were made with satisfactory results.

Extensions of water mains :-

1,710 yards of new 3" main and 1,391 yards of new 4" main.

MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS, 1949.

Number of registered distributors operating from :-

- a) Dairies in the district 13.
- b) Shops in the district other than dairies 24.

Action taken by the local authority in relation to samples taken :

	No. of Samples.	R E S U L T S.		
		Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.	No Result.
(a) <u>Raw Milk</u> :-				
(i) Tuberculosis biological tests	1	1	-	-
(ii) Methylene Blue reduction test	-	-	-	-
(b) <u>Heat-treated Milk</u> :-				
(i) Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-
(ii) Pasteurised - Phosphatase test	7	7	-	-
(iii) Methylene Blue test.	7	7	-	-
(iv) Sterilised - Turbidity test.	2	2	-	-

Results of Ministry investigations by the Divisional Inspector of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food within the district during the year, arising from notifications of tuberculous milk made by any local authority :-

Number of herds examined by veterinary inspectors Nil.
Number of cases where animals seized under Tuberculosis Order, 1938.. Nil.
Number of animals seized Nil.
Number of cases reported negative where animals had been sold prior
to investigation Nil.
Number of cases reported negative, no animals seized Nil.

MEAT SUPPLY.

Routine inspection of meat shops has continued. Details are given in the Chief Public Health Inspector's report.

ICE CREAM.

The number of premises registered for the sale or manufacture of Ice Cream at the close of the year was 34.

Ice Cream is manufactured by one person in the area, whilst the remaining 33 persons purchase their supply from Wholesalers.

BAKEHOUSES, FOOD SHOPS AND FISH FRYERS.

Routine inspections have been made of all the above premises throughout the year. Conditions were found to be satisfactory.

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1962.

(after corrections subsequently made either by the notifying medical practitioner or by the Medical Superintendent of the Infectious Disease Hospital.)

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES	Total cases at all ages.	TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED											
		AGE PERIODS-YEARS											
		0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25 and over	Age Unknown		
Scarlet Fever	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Measles (exclu- ding rubella)	62	2	3	4	12	10	28	3	-	-	-	-	
Dysentery	29	1	-	1	2	2	12	2	4	5	-	-	
Acute Pneumonia (primary and influenzal.)	1	Under 5 years.	5-	15-	45-	65 and over	Age Unknown.						
		-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-		
Tuberculosis - respiratory.	4	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	
Puerperal Pyrexia.	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	

DIPHTHERIA.

<u>Year</u>		<u>No. of Cases</u>	<u>No. of Deaths</u>
1933		17	1
1934		11	Nil
1935		14	Nil
1936		17	2
1937		14	1
1938		51	2
1939		32	1
1940	*	6	1
1941		3	Nil
1942		Nil	Nil
1943		Nil	Nil
1944		4	Nil
1945		5	Nil
1946		Nil	Nil
1947		1	Nil
1948		Nil	Nil
1949		Nil	Nil
1950		* 1	Nil
1951-62 inclusive.		Nil	Nil

* Immunisation scheme started May, 1940.

* Clinical diagnosis only, not confirmed
bacteriologically.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION, 1961.

1. Number of individuals who completed a full course of primary immunisation during 1962 :-

AGE AT DATE OF FINAL INJECTION									
0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	Total under 5 years	5-	10-	Total 5 - 14 incl.	Total aged 15 and over.
113	109	4	1	0	227	6	0	6	-

2. Number of individuals who were given a reinforcement injection during 1962, i.e. subsequent to complete course :-

AGE GROUP				
0-	5-	10-14	Total 0 - 14 incl.	Total aged 15 and over
218	36	3	257	-

3. Number of children who had completed a course of primary immunisation at any time to the 31st December, 1962 :-

Age at 31.12.62. i.e. born in year	Under 1 1962	1 - 4 1958 to 1961	5 - 9 1953 to 1957	10 - 14 1948 to 1952	Total under 15.	Total aged 15 and over.
Number immunised	113	801	835	1013	2762	211

POLIOMYELITIS INJECTIONS AND/OR ORAL DOSES

1962

	Born Prior to 1933	1933-42	1943-46	1947-57	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
2nd inj. of Salk	40	8	6	7	1	6	8	49	2
3rd inj. of Salk	103	32	7	21	6	9	36	10	-
4th inj. of Salk				1					
3 doses of Oral	28	14	4	21	3	4	21	96	14
Dose of Oral as booster to two doses of Salk	210	52	9	83	17	31	104	31	-
Dose of Oral as Booster to three doses of Salk		1		253	1	1			

Oral vaccine was used from April 1962. The full course is 3 doses and a fourth dose is recommended for school children. Oral has superseded Salk but the latter is available if preferred.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - SECTION 47.

An Order had to be made for the removal of an aged person into Redbank Home at Radcliffe. The man concerned was living in insanitary conditions and was unable to care for himself or get outside help. After the three weeks period of the Order he agreed to stay at the Home on a voluntary basis.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

Inspections with regard to general hygiene and sanitary accommodation have been carried out. Close co-operation is maintained with H.M. Inspector of Factories. Details of the inspections are given in the Chief Public Inspector's report.

A report given under Section 128 of the Factories Act, 1937, is appended.

1. Inspections for purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector.)

Premises (1)	(2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	10	13	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	59	17	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out worker's premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	69	30	-	-

1. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases".)

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ..	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4).	-	-	-	-	-

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable of defective	5	5	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes'	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork.)	-	-	-	-	-
Total :-	5	5	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT
OUTWORK.
(SECTIONS 110 and 111)

NATURE OF WORK (1)	No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists. (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served. (6)	Prosec- utions. (7)
Wearing) Making apparel) etc.,) Cleaning) and) washing	7	-	-	-	-	-
Household linen	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lace, lace curtains and net	-	-	-	-	-	-
Curtains and furniture hangings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Furniture and upholstery	1	-	-	-	-	-
Electroplate	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brass and brass articles	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	8	-	-	-	-	-

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE URBAN DISTRICT OF WHITEFIELD.

Health and Cleansing Department,
Town Hall,
WHITEFIELD,

August, 1963.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

I have the honour to present this Annual Report on local matters concerning environmental health.

Good progress has been maintained on the extension of our smoke control programme.. On the 1st September 1962 Number 3 Smoke Control Area came into operation. This area contains 396 premises bringing the total for the district to 1724. The Minister has already confirmed the Number 4 Smoke Control Area which contains a further total of 818 premises and will come into operation on the 1st July, 1963.

Intensive investigations were made during the year to trace the sources of some of the chemical odours which were experienced throughout the district from time to time. One of the most persistent odours was traced with the co-operation of an adjoining authority and successful steps have been taken to prevent its recurrence.

Since the introduction of a mechanical shovel on the Council's Springwaters Tip a vast improvement on the control of the tip has resulted. In the last month of the year the refuse collection service was completely reorganised and an incentive bonus scheme was brought into operation. Although the sale of waste paper continues to be a problem we have managed to sell all our paper and a record figure of 202 Tons has been reached.

Frequent inspections were made of food premises and it is pleasing to report that the general standard is very high. No cases of food poisoning were reported in 1962.

May I take this opportunity of recording my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their support and encouragement, and to express my appreciation to the Chief Officers and their staff for their full co-operation. My personal thanks are also given to my efficient and loyal staff who have given unstinting service throughout the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

D.J. HUNT.

Public Health Inspector
and Cleansing Superintendent.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS.

Complaints investigated	93
Bakehouses	12
Dairies	7
Slaughterhouse and Knacker's Yard	64
Food Shops and Street Vendor's premises or vehicles	93
Factories	35
Fried Fish Shops	5
Factories re. smoke	17
Dwellinghouse - Public Health Act	33
Housing Acts.....	5
Infectious Diseases	7
Council Houses	43
Re-visits - Public Health Acts	57
Housing Acts	134
Drainage Inspections	190
Piggeries and Stables	7
Rodent Control	226
Ice-Cream Premises	10
Public Cleansing.....	450
Miscellaneous	151
Schools	7
Licensed Houses	4
Petroleum Acts	15
Housing Repairs and Rent Acts	3
Dwellinghouses disinfested	2
Smoke Observations	7
Smokeless Area	1564
Standard Grants	135

HOUSING.

Twenty applications were received from owner/occupiers in the area for Standard Grants. This section of the Act, is playing an important part in bringing about an improved standard of living. The day has long since passed when houses with bathrooms and inside water-closets were considered luxurious. It is hoped that more residents will take advantage of the benefits to be achieved by the provision of such a grant.

Number of New Houses Erected.

During the year 166 houses were built in the area :-

(i) by the Local Authority	25
(ii) by other bodies or persons	141
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	166
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Inspections of Dwellinghouses.

- 1) (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under the Public Health or Housing Acts) 41.
- (b) Number of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose 123.
- 2) Dwellinghouses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit :-
 - (a) Number found during the year 5.
- 3) Number of dwellinghouses found during the year to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation, but capable of being rendered fit 37.

Houses demolished :-

In Clearance Areas (Housing Act, 1957)

	Houses Demolished	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
1) Houses unfit for human habitation	-	-	-
2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	-	-	-
3) Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2) of Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
Not in Clearance Area :-			
4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) of Housing Act, 1957	1	2	1
Unfit houses closed :-			
1) Under Sections 16 (4), 17 (1), 35 (1), Housing Act, 1957	3	6	3
2) Under Sections 17 (3) and 26 of Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
3) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18 of Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-

Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied :-

	By Owner.	By Local Authority.
1) After informal action by Local Authority	24	-
2) After formal notice under		
a) Public Health Acts	2	-
b) Sections 9 and 16 of Housing Act, 1957 ..	-	-
3) Under Section 24 of Housing Act, 1957	-	-

CERTIFICATES OF DISREPAIR - RENT ACT, 1957.

No applications were received during the year.

HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959.

Standard Grants :

Submitted to local authority	20
Approved by local authority	20
Work completed	23

DISINFESTATION

During the year, several complaints were received of infestations of cockroaches and other insects. Appropriate steps were taken for their eradication.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF THE FOOD SUPPLY

Many inspections have been made and close supervision has been maintained on all aspects of food supply in this area.

ICE CREAM

The number of samples of ice-cream taken and submitted for examination was 7 and all were classified as Provisional Grade 1.

The approximate number of premises where food is sold is 122, and is comprised as follows :-

General grocers and provision dealers	38
Greengrocers and fruiterers (including those selling wet fish, game, etc.)	8
Fishmongers (including those selling poultry, game, etc.)	3
Meat Shops (butchers, purveyors of cooked and preserved meats, tripe, etc.)	10
Bakers and / or confectioners	13
Fried Fish Shops	9
Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals, ice cream, etc.	20
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes, snack-bars, similar catering establishments, etc.	21

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955 - SECTION 16.

Number and type of premises registered under the above Act for

Manufacture of meat pies	10
Preparation of cooked meats	11
Fish frying	9
Manufacture or sale of ice cream	34

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (GENERAL POWERS) ACT, 1951.

REGISTRATION OF HAWKERS OF FOOD.

Fish, fruit and vegetables	8
Tripe, cooked meats, etc.	1
Ice Cream	5

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

The provisions of the above Act, relating to the sampling of food for quality, are administered by the Lancashire County Council.

I am indebted to Dr. S.C. Gawne, County Medical Officer of Health, for the following summary of works carried out in this district.

A total of 84 samples was **obtained**, consisting of 51 samples of milk (11 of which were samples of Channel Islands Milk) and 33 others comprising :-

1 Soft cheese with shrimps,	3 Ice cream
1 Tea	1 Fruit curd
2 Saccharin tablets	1 Cod liver oil B.P.
1 Boric acid ointment B.P.C.	1 Blancmange powder
1 Meat paste	1 Semolina
1 Boric ointment B.P.C.	1 Beef sausages
1 Fresh fruit	1 Dried, skimmed milk
2 Honey	1 Olive oil
1 Butter	1 Bread
2 Double cream	1 Baby cereal
2 Flour confectionery	2 Ammoniated tincture of quinine
2 White pepper	B.P.C.
1 Ground almonds	1 Mincemeat.

I give below details of those samples upon which the County Analyst gave adverse reports :-

<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>result of Analysis</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>
2 Informal milks (school milk)	Groove under cap flange of both bottles contained oil, possibly derived from capping oil, which gave odour of lubrication oil. Mineral oil content of milk only .01% compared with 0.2% permitted under the Mineral Oil in Food (Amendment) Order, 1954	Complainant informed. Dairy interviewed and cautioned.
1 Informal milk (school milk)	Contained 6 mgns. mineral oil possibly derived from capping oil. Cap and cap flange of bottle were also affected by similar oil	
Sample consisting of one crate containing 98 bottles of milk (school milk)	Traces of mineral oil were present in cap flange of 17 of the 98 bottles submitted and on 6 of the 8 bottle caps submitted. Possibly derived from capping oil. Mineral oil content of milk only .001%.	

1 Beef sausage	Contained 295 parts per million sulphite preservative (expressed as sulphur dioxide) without declaration.	Vendor cautioned.
1 Bread (part loaf and separately one small piece)	The untoasted bread was free from glass. The toasted portion of the bread contained a small glass sliver of the same density as the glass of the butter dish (submitted separately) and exactly matched cavity which was chipped into the edge of the dish.	Complainant informed.

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KNACKER'S YARD.

There is one Knacker's Yard in the district, in which the carcasses of horses, cattle, sheep and pigs are dealt with in a satisfactory manner.

Frequent inspections of these premises were made, and the conditions were found to be satisfactory.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT.

Five licenses were granted in accordance with the above Act.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

The following articles of unsound food were condemned and voluntarily surrendered by traders in the area :-

3 lbs. of Dessicated Coconut.	9 tins of Fruit Salad.
4 tins of Corned Beef.	4 tins of Oranges.
2 Beasts' Livers 20 lbs.	10 Bottles of Bitter Orange.
2 jars of Pickles.	24 bottles of Dry Ginger.
4 tins of Ox Tongue.	24 bottles of Ginger Beer.
8 tins of Cooked Ham.	36 bottles of Bitter Lemon.
13 tins of Bilberries.	2 Horses' Livers.
10 tins of Grapefruit.	1 set of Beast's Lungs.
5 tins of Pineapple.	8 tins of Pears.
3 tins of Chopped Pork	5 tins of Mixed Vegetables.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE

There is one Private Slaughterhouse in the area, and the following tables give details of the slaughtering carried out during the year.

	Cattle excl. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	2	25	2	25	-	-
Number inspected	2	25	2	25	-	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.</u> -						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	1	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tubercul- osis and Cystercerci.	-	4%	-	-	-	-
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u> -						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cystercosis.</u> -						
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcase submitted to treatment by refrig- eration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned ...	-	-	-	-	-	-

BAKEHOUSES.

Twenty two inspections were made of the nine bakehouses in the area, which were found to be maintained satisfactorily.

DRAINAGE AND SANITARY ACCOMMODATION.

The following table gives details of the sanitary accommodation in the area on the 31st December, 1962 :-

Privy closets	-	4
Pail closets	-	5
Privy middens	-	3
Fresh water closets	-	5,484
Waste water closets	-	64
Dustbins	-	6,000

REGISTER OF FACTORIES.

Bleaching, Dyeing and Finishing, etc.	5.
Bakehouses	9.
Sweet Manufacturing	2.
Gas Appliances	1.
Towel and Tape Weaving	4.
Joiners and Builders	9.
Plumbing	6.
Cycle Repairing	1.
Plastics	1.
Electrical Repairs	1.
Blacksmiths	1.
Furniture Manufacturing, etc.	1.
Motor Engineering	3.
Tailoring and Pressing	3.
Rubber Works	1.
Boot Repairing	4.
Wood Turning	1.
Boot Lace Finishing	1.
Paper Cutting	1.
Fibre Dressing	1.
Radiator Repairs	1.
Clothing Manufacture	1.

INFESTATION ORDER, 1943.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

Much time and energy was devoted to this very important branch of the Department's work. The Council continued to operate a free service of treatment for private dwellinghouses. This service is a means of bringing to the attention of the Department any infestation of rats or mice in private dwellings. Business premises are treated by the Department on request, for which a charge is made. Some of the traders have contracts with private infestation companies.

The Council's refuse tip was kept under constant supervision, as also was the sewage works. The necessary treatments were carried out as required.

There are two employees trained in the recognised technique of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and their services are available for dealing with any infestation.

SEWER TREATMENT.

One sewer treatment was carried out during the year, with beneficial results.

The following table give details of the work carried out in the area, with the exception of sewer treatments :-

	TYPE OF PROPERTY			
	Non-Agricultural			Agricul- tural.
	Dwelling- houses, incl. Council houses. (1)	All others including business premises. (2)	Total of Cols. (1) & (2). (3)	
1. Number of properties in Local Authority's District.	5263	362	5625	23
2. Number of properties inspected as a result of :- (a) Notification.) (b) Survey under the) Act, or) (c) Otherwise (e.g.) when visited) primarily for) some other) purpose.))	207	31	238	13
3. Total inspections carried out - including re-inspections.	370	25	395	19
4. Number of properties inspected (in Sec.2) which were found to be infested by :- (a) Rats - major. Rats - minor. (b) Mice - major. Mice - minor.	83 58	13 8	96 66	5 -
5. Number of infested properties (in Sec. 4) treated by Local Authority.	7	3	10	-

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951.

There are no premises in the area used for the manufacture of rag flock or other filling materials, but one is registered for the use of the filling materials.

MOVABLE DWELLINGS.

There are no camping or caravan sites in the district.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION.

The Council is a member of the Manchester and District Regional Clean Air Council, and also of the South East Lancashire and North Cheshire Consultative Committee for the Investigation of Atmospheric Pollution. Number 3 Smoke Control Area came into operation on the 1st September, 1962. Because of objections a public enquiry was held and the Minister's approval was received in February, 1962.

STORAGE OF PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM SPIRIT.

Sixteen licences were granted for the keeping of petroleum spirit to which the Petroleum Acts apply.

Two licences were granted for the keeping of cellulose solution. Each licence is granted for the period of twelve months, from 1st April to 31st March.

PUBLIC CLEANSING SERVICE.

Collection and Disposal of Household Refuse.

The subject matter of this section of the report deals with the financial year ending 31st March 1963.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

Difficulties have been experienced during the year in the collection of refuse, due to depletion of staff caused by illness and resignations.

The recruitment of staff for refuse collection has been a difficulty throughout the whole year. Several of the men recruited have only used the Department as temporary employment until more lucrative and engaging types of work have been found.

The number of men engaged in refuse collection, and the vehicles employed are as follows :-

- 1 S & D "Fore and Aft" vehicle with driver - complement
6 loaders.
- 1 Karrier Gamecock Side Loader with driver - complement
2 loaders.
- 1 Karrier Bantam Side Loader with driver.

DUST BIN MAINTENANCE.

The scheme in the maintenance of dust bins, which was inaugurated in June, 1950, has continued to function in a satisfactory manner.

The number of bins replaced during the year was 356, which was 68 more than last year's figure.

The benefits derived from a dust bin maintenance scheme are many, the main one being the replacement of defective dust bins of a recognised standard within reasonable time.

In addition to the aforementioned replacements, 40 dust bins were sold privately to purchasers of new houses and 15 bins were required for Scheme 15 - "The Elms" Bungalows.

REFUSE DISPOSAL.

Disposal is carried out at Springwaters Tip. The purchase of the mechanical shovel for use on the tip has been well worthwhile. A much better standard of controlled tipping has been possible.

The use of insecticide powder is a regular procedure with a view to extermination of flies and other insects.

REVENUE FROM THE SALE OF RESIDUALS.

	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	£.	s.	d.
Baled Waste Paper ...	201	18	0	0	1,470.	11.	8.
Scrap Metal	-	9	1	27	35.	17.	8.
Rags and Woollens ...	-	4	5	24	7.	9.	0.
TOTAL					<hr/> £1,513. 18. 4. <hr/> <hr/>		

